Reports	Laid in Lok Sabha on	Laid in Rajya Sabha on
First Report 1994-95	13.03.2000	24.04.2000
Second Report 1995-96	13.03.2000	24.4.2000
Third Report 1996-97 & 1997-98 (Combined)	23.11.2001	26.11.2001
Fourth Report 1998-99 & 1999-2000 (Combined)	23.11.2001	26.11.2001

3. National Commission for Backward Classes

National Commission for Backward Classes since its inception has tendered 867 advice of which 419 are for inclusion of castes/communities in the Central lists of OBCs for different States/Union Territories and 448 for rejection.

Welfare homes for aged people in NCT of Delhi

3992. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that welfare homes for aged people in NCT of Delhi are very few and Government have not done anything to construct more welfare homes for elderly people;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have decided to construct more welfare homes which will be monitored by Committees involving people from Government as well as social organizations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) As per the information given by the Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi, the department is running two old age homes. Additionally 16 old age homes are run in Delhi by various organizations without any financial help from the Government of NCT of Delhi.

This Ministry has given financial help to one organization for construction of one old age home in Delhi.

(c) and (d) Yes, sir. The government of NCT of Delhi has decided to construct 4 old age homes during the 10th Plan period on land allotted to them by DDA. Efforts are being made for developing guidelines for construction and management of these homes in consultation with reputed experienced NGOs doing commendable work in area of old age welfare.

Increasing drug abuse in the country

3993. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing drug abuse in the country;

(b) if so; whether the number of drug abusers are increasing in the urban areas of the country day-by-day;

(c) if so, whether Government have formulated any strategy to check the increase in drug abuse in the country and also sought foreign assistance in this regard, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Recognising drug abuse as psycho-socio medical problem, requiring community based interventions the Government is implementing the "Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse", wherein registered Non Government Organisations are provided financial support for awareness programmes, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation services in varied settings such as community, workplaces, educational institutions, prisons, etc. The quality in services is ensured through the implementation of the minimun standards formulated for different services. To strengthen the service delivery of the programme, the Ministry is also implementing community-based projects in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime.

Objectives of re-organization of Tribal populated States

3994. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the principal objectives behind re-organisation of the States, namely Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya